



Indian Immunology Society, General Body Meeting 12th June 2026, 8:00PM

53rd Annual meeting of the Indian Immunology Society, Immunocon-2026,
Organized by SKIMS Srinagar at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre
(SKICC), Srinagar, J&K, India

The Annual GBM chaired by IIS President (Dr. Amit Awasthi) accompany with Secretary (Dr. Kaustuv Nayak) and Treasurer (Dr. Deepak K Rathore). It was attended by Executive team members of society and 53 life members of society including senior and young members of IIS.

The minutes of the meetings are as below:

President addressed the gathering with the achievements and worked done by present EC towards the betterment of society.

Treasurer Report Presentation:

- Treasurer (Dr. Deepak Rathore) presented the financial statement of year 2025-2026 and current financial details up to 30th May 2026. Major financial achievement that second consecutive year **Society's corpus was enhanced through a new ₹5 lakh fixed deposit**, establishing a historical milestone for long-term financial sustainability and now total fixed deposit corpus reached up to 74 Lakhs (21% increase in last 2 years).
- Major income from life membership 41% from membership during this year.
- Dr. Deepak showed that society expenditure and income was balance during 2025-26 and reduce the tax burden. All present members appreciated the efforts made by Treasurer and entire EC team.

Secretary Report Presentaion:

- Dr. Kaustuv Nayak informed the member that the second consecutive year the IIS, formal **recognition of 4 women scientists from across India** on the occasion of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science (11 February 2026), it is our privilege, on behalf of the IIS Executive Committee, to recognize and celebrate the outstanding contributions of women scientists in immunology. These selection done by separate committee constituted by IIS EC and selected Scientists presented their work in Immunocon-2026.
- IIS initiated Immunology school to trained students on Immunology techniques and fundamental of Immunology. First course was conducted by National Institute of Immunology New Delhi.
- 5 CMEs programs and 12 world's Immunology celebrations under the banner of society with financial support.
- Students/young scientists travels bursaries supports and IIS annual awards during Immunocon.

Agenda wise approval and discussion:

1. Approval of the 52nd General Body Meeting Minutes (Immunocon-2025, Prayagraj)

The minutes of the **52nd General Body Meeting** held during **Immunocon-2025, Prayagraj**, which were circulated to all IIS members through the Google Group on **15 March 2026**, were placed before the General Body for approval. The minutes were **approved unanimously** by the General Body without any modifications.

2. Discussion on IIS Student Membership

The General Body discussed the proposal to discontinue the IIS Student Membership (₹1,000 for two years) for the time being. During the discussion, Dr. Kaustuv and Dr. Deepak highlighted the logistical challenges faced by the IIS backend in processing student memberships. They also noted that student members are not entitled to benefits such as voting rights, eligibility for IIS awards, or travel grants, and that several applicants seeking student membership were not bona fide students.

After deliberation, the General Body resolved to continue the IIS Student Membership. However, it was decided that:

- The validity of the student membership will be **one year** instead of two years.
- Eligibility will be restricted to **bona fide undergraduate and postgraduate students**, namely **B.Sc., M.Sc., B.Tech., and M.Tech.** students.

3. Discussion on Increasing Immunocon Contribution and IIS Life Membership Fee

Dr. Amit Awasthi proposed increasing the contribution from Immunocon organizers to the IIS from the existing 10% of the registration fee to 20%, citing the increase in society expenditures. Following discussion, the General Body approved an increase in the contribution to **15%** of the registration fee. The General Body also approved an increase in the **IIS Life Membership fee** from **₹5,000 to ₹6,000**, with **immediate effect**.

4. Discussion on YouTube Podcasting and Written Consent for Online Presentations

The General Body deliberated on the recording and online dissemination of Immunocon scientific sessions through YouTube and other digital platforms. Members noted that several presentations contain unpublished data and emphasized the need to safeguard data confidentiality and intellectual property. After discussion, it was agreed that **written consent** should be obtained from all presenters before making their presentations available online. Presentations of speakers who do not provide consent will not be uploaded or will be removed from the online repository.

5. Formation of the IIS Election Commission for the 2026–2028 Executive Committee Elections

The Executive Committee proposed the constitution of the IIS Election Commission for conducting the 2026–2028 Executive Committee elections. The following members were

proposed: Dr. Sunil Arora – Chairperson, Dr. H. K. Prasad – Member and Dr. S. N. Das – Member. The General Body members unanimously approved the proposed Election Commission.

6. Approval for Submission of Documents to the Registrar of Societies

Dr. Kaustuv Nayak sought formal approval from the General Body to submit the required documents to the **Registrar of Societies** for updating the statutory records of the Indian Immunology Society. The General Body **approved** the proposal and authorized the submission of the necessary documents.

7. Approval of IIS Winter School in Immunology as an Annual Event

The General Body approved the proposal to organize the IIS Hands-on Winter School in Immunology as an annual event to be conducted in different regions of the country. It was decided that the host institution should possess robust research infrastructure and facilities to conduct the programme. The host institute will be responsible for securing the major share of the funding, while the IIS will provide **travel support only to student life members** of the Society (10 students each up to Rs 10000)

8. Acceptance of BITS Pilani, Goa Campus Bid for Immunocon-2028

Dr. Kaustuv Nayak informed the General Body that the Executive Committee had accepted the proposal from Dr. Malabika Biswas, BITS Pilani, Goa Campus, to host the 55th Annual Conference of the Indian Immunology Society (Immunocon-2028). The General Body formally ratified and approved the proposal.

9. Announcement of Immunocon-2027

The President informed the General Body that the 54th Annual Conference of the Indian Immunology Society (Immunocon-2027) will be organized by Dr. Sadhna Sharma, Miranda House, University of Delhi, New Delhi. Dr. Sadhna Sharma welcomed all members and invited them to participate in Immunocon-2027.

10. Felicitation of the IIS President:

Felicitations of IIS President: Dr. Amudhan, IIS EC member from south zone and Dr. V. Aravindan, VP south, felicitated Dr. Amit Awasthi and Dr. Santosh Kar (in absentia) for their contribution toward organizing the hands-on workshop/winter school in immunology.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the **President of the Indian Immunology Society**, who expressed his sincere appreciation to all members for their active participation. He also congratulated the **Organizing Committee of Immunocon-2026**, led by **Dr. Dil Afroze**, for the successful organization of the conference. The General Body acknowledged and applauded the dedicated efforts of the organizing team in making the meeting and conference a success.

Thank you